

According to the Czech law Czech Radio Council is the body through which the public exercises their right to control public service medium. Thesis Work of Czech Radio Council between 1992 and 2002 analyzes the operation of this supervisory authority in the first decade of its existence.

Two basic approaches are applied. The first one is the quantitative analysis of the agenda of the Czech Radio Council. Based on research of the records from the Council meetings, the analysis divides the issues discussed by the Council into ten basic categories that are then quantified and compared.

However, use of the above method necessarily leads to considerable standardization of the input data. Numeric outcome is therefore combined with historical interpretation that introduces factual operation of the Council and presents it in the context of integral functioning of the Czech Radio. Based on these two approaches the thesis provides a concept of periodization of the Czech Radio Council operation between 1992 and 2002.

The text attempts to apprehend the Czech Radio Council in broader context of the development of public service broadcasting and its control, and also in the context of media system transformation in Central Europe after 1989.